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11. Pol Couns delivered reftel points to MFA Deputy Director General for International Organizations (IO A/S equivalent) Eviatar Manor February 27. Manor expressed appreciation for the U.S. decision not to continue to participate in the Durban Review Conference based on the current draft outcome text.

12. Regarding our decision to participate as an active observer in the upcoming Human Rights Council session, Manor said Israel's recommendation is that the U.S. wait to announce a decision to run for a seat on the Council until it is clear that the Council is reforming.

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